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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Dear readers,

As this is being written, we find ourselves just over two years into a global pandemic. Over two years since our world has changed so remarkably, and everyone's world was shaken upside down; irreparably changed. But we also know it hasn't been the same for everyone.

Our commitment at rabble has been to lift up the stories uncovering the inequities further exposed by the global emergencies that have affected all life on this planet. A focus on underscoring the work of those fighting to build back better, those fighting for a world where the 'new normal' translates into the strengthening of labour rights, dismantling systemic racism and discrimination based on sex and gender, the struggle for a stronger safety net and stronger social spending, and ceasing the global will to work together offered by the COVID-19 pandemic, to finally achieve climate justice.

We kept these principles in check as we entered an unexpected snap election season. The first federal election to occur in the middle of a pandemic, we were fortunate to be armed with progressive analysis and prowess of our in-house monthly politics panel, Off the Hill, hosted by Robin Browne and Libby Davies.

Those of us who work in independent media dedicate our careers to this vocation because we know whole sectors of Canadian life are suppressed, ignored or neglected by the mainstream media. Rarely is there unbiased reporting on labour and social issues.

rabble.ca's non-profit journalism has proudly maintained a focus on labour and worker rights, grassroots activism, and a progressive analysis of national politics, for two decades. In 2021, we celebrated our 20th anniversary (online - but one day we want to celebrate in person with you). And we also released "Everything (on the) line" - a book detailing rabble's history and celebrating 20 years of social movement stories in Canada which was published by Between the Lines.

And that's not all! We completely re-launched our website. With the help of a Canadian Heritage Grant, we took the big step that we've been waiting for, and modernized our site - making it sharper and easier for you to catch the daily stories and issues most important to you!

Thanks to our partnership with the Tommy Douglas Institute of George Brown College, Courage my Friends, a podcast series taking heed of the social justice principles of the late Tommy Douglas, and our Local Journalism initiative, based in Vancouver's DTES, our community approach to social justice journalism is as strong as ever!

rabble.ca's exceptional writers and multimedia contributors bring powerful and innovative voices to the site. rabble exists because of people — writers, video and podcast contributors, videographers, donors, readers and workers — who share a vision of what an independent media can and should be, and what the future is for media democracy in Canada. Our staff works daily to bring the best of progressive coverage to our audience.

rabble.ca continues to grow and push the boundaries of online media. As we move further into our 20th year, we have extraordinary memories and successes to look back on, as well as exciting times and challenges ahead. In a time of transition, we are grateful and honoured to all of our readers and financial supporters. You prove time and time again, with your support, that independent and reader-funded media is a sustainable model.

In solidarity,

Kim Ellin

Kim Elliott



COVERING THE PANDEMIC



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Canada brought in the new year of 2021 with a second wave of COVID-19. Between December 2020 and January 2021, there were a combined 7902 deaths. The country reeled, shocked in particular at the devastation of families whose loved ones were in long-term care. *rabble.ca* shared in the grief. The urgent warning signs of Canada's long-term care system had been a focus of pre-pandemic coverage in 2019 and early 2020, through the work of our labour reporter, Zaid Noorsumar, and continued in our 2021 reporting.

The federal and provincial governments focused on vaccine rollout plans and re-examining COVID-restrictions. People across the country were still grappling with living life in the middle of a deadly pandemic. COVID-19 continued to affect our workforce, education system, our environment, the arts and entertainment sector, and of course healthcare and the care economy.

How to build Canada forward - not back - was a focus of *rabble.ca*'s coverage. Every step along the road to recovery, *rabble.ca* was there to provide news coverage and analysis, podcasts and our monthly political panels.

In the news:

We published more than 600 stories on the pandemic since March 2020, all rounded up on our special page dedicated to COVID-19 news and analysis: https://rabble.ca/tag/covid-19/(1)

Senior politics reporters Karl Nerenberg and Stephen Wentzell analyzed data, reports, and public opinion on how the pandemic affected Canadians. Some highlights:

• In April of 2021, Nerenberg wrote: Why Quebec is doing better fighting COVID-19 than Ontario (2)

- In the weeks following 2021's snap election, Wentzell reported: Canada's health-care crisis worse after 'unnecessary' election: union president.(3)
- In December, Nerenberg reported on new data which showed just how much higher the risk of contracting COVID-19 is for **Indigenous and racialized workers**.(4)

David Climenhaga kept us informed of Premier Jason Kenney's approach to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in Alberta:

- Little change in Alberta's inconsistent, indecisive, confusing and unsuccessful approach to COVID-19 (5)
- In the name of the economy, Jason Kenney could push Alberta into another wave of COVID-19 (6)

Columnists and guest writers provided insight to the COVID-19 pandemic on a global scale:

In February, Amy Tan and Dr. Nili Kaplan-Myrth organized a conversation between a group of health-care experts and advocates addressed to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau about disparities in access to COVID-19 vaccine across Canada. A total of 14 panelists joined this conversation, representing geographic, professional, and racial diversity across Canada.

The panel was broken in three parts: 1. Strategic challenges and the need for local understanding and national standards; 2. Patient and caregiver advocacy and issues of equity for marginalized populations in vaccination rollout; and 3. Collaboration with interdisciplinary health-care partners.

In March, Sarah Macharia shared a piece for Women's History Month which focused on the theme of International Women's Day (March 8). The theme was "Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world." (7) In her piece, she shares a study from the Global Media Monitoring Project which indicates that the news media remain far from being inclusive spaces for women, vulnerable women, and historically marginalized groups.

She writes: "COVID-19 forced everyday life to shift to the digital sphere. Marginalization of women's voices and experiences is more acute in web-published news specific to the pandemic than in stories that have nothing to do with COVID-19. There is no correlation between the gender composition of health experts in pandemic stories and the same in reality ... Knowing the numbers in the just released Global Media Monitoring Project's preliminary results is a first step towards an equal future for all in a COVID-19 news world."

In December, Karen-Marie Elah Perry and Shila Avissa argued: We're being gaslit about the pandemic. (8) "COVID-19 is hardly over, and yet the narrative of the "post-pandemic" world persists. We are being told that we should be getting back to "normal," all the while the Omicron variant spreads rapidly across the globe and vaccine access remains limited to the world's wealthiest nations," they write.

They continue: "Racialized, queer and feminist communities have written extensively on the role gaslighting plays in upholding inequalities. It's what's happening now with the B.C. and Canadian governments' response to the pandemic."

ON RABBLETV:

rabble.ca's live, current affairs panel, Off the Hill was launched in November 2019. Hosted by Libby Davies and Robin Browne, the pandemic was top of mind during our regular monthly panels. One of the most popular panels of the year was held in May 2021:

The road to pandemic recovery will undoubtedly be smoother for some more than others. Is the government doing enough to account for this? Our panelists MP Leah Gazan, Chuka Ejeckam, Karl Nerenberg, and Robin Browne discussed this in an Off the Hill panel last year: Off the Hill presents: the bumpy road to pandemic recovery. (9)

ON THE AIR / RABBLE RADIO:



rabble radio partnered with the Tommy Douglas Institute in 2021 to present the: <u>'Courage My Friends'</u> (10) podcast series. Over the course of six episodes, host Resh Budhu and guests explored topics such as food security, the climate, and accessibility in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

INDIGENOUS ISSUES

DECOLONIZING MEDIA IN 2021



Photo credit: Chris Robert on Unsplash (11)

The disturbing discovery in June 2021 of the remains of 215 children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School was described as "an unthinkable loss that was spoken about but never documented by the Kamloops Indian Residential School," by Chief Rosanne Casimir of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Nation.

The knowledge of the tragic fate of these young children has resulted in ongoing grief, pain, trauma and suffering for the affected families and communities. Residential school survivors from every community have been affected, and a national debate has been sparked with the broader public. There is a reckoning to be had as the magnitude of the horrendous history of Canada's violent colonial settler past is exposed.

It's fair to say that everyone wants answers, and that the discovery awoke many Canadians for the first time to how profoundly flawed the nation's approach to truth and reconciliation has been. Indigenous people and allies of course have long raised concerns about the government's disingenuous approach to reconciliation.

Indigenous peoples have been very clear that thoughts, emotions, prayers and expressions of sympathy from government leaders is disingenuous if not based on a record of concrete action for reconciliation — and a recognition of the calls for Land Back, justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and clean drinking water for Indigenous communities - as a start.

Every settler has this responsibility - and that includes the media's responsibility to decolonize practices. **The Truth and Reconciliation Commission** (12), led by Justice Murray Sinclair, tabled its historic report and 94 calls to action in December 2015.

Here are some highlights from rabble.ca's 2021 coverage of Indigenous issues:

Features pieces:

- From columnist Rachel Snow: What do you actually know about First Nations in this country called Canada? (13)
- Toolkit coordinator Maya Bhullar: <u>In the child welfare system, the next iteration of</u> residential schools. (14)
- Parliamentary reporter, Karl Nerenberg: Indigenous Sovereignty is long overdue' (15)
- National politics reporter, Stephen Wentzell: <u>How Nunavut's new MP is dealing with</u> her territory's water crisis (16)

Ongoing coverage:

Over the year, long-time *rabble.ca* contributor Brent Patterson provided extensive coverage on the criminalization facing Wet'suwet'en land defenders:

- Lack of transparency around when B.C. government authorized RCMP raid on Wet'suwet'en (17)
- RCMP arrest Wet'suwet'en land defenders days after COP26 summit (18)
- Will police violence once again be the response to the Wet'suwet'en struggle? (19)
- On the air: Patterson interviewed sisters Eve Saint and Jocey Alec in: "Land defenders
 <u>Eve Saint and Jocey Alec talk Indigenous power in the face of RCMP arrests."</u>
 (20) Eve Saint and Jocey Alec shared their experiences being arrested and criminalized for defending their sovereign territory in northern British Columbia from a fracked gas pipeline being built on those lands without consent.

In her coverage at Fairy Creek in 2021, climate activist and land defender Rita Wong outlined the connection between Indigenous land sovereignty and old-growth forest preservation.

- RCMP at Fairy Creek blockade ignore the real emergency (21)
- Fairy Creek forest defenders protect the future we need (22)
- On the air: Rita Wong spoke to Libby Davies about Fairy Creek, Lee Maracle and activism during a climate crisis. (23)

Off the Hill

Indigenous issues continued to be front and center in our flagship national politics panel, Off the Hill, featuring guests including MP Leah Gazan, Rachel Snow, Cindy Blackstock, Clayton Thomas-Müller and more. Among our most watched shows in 2021 was the June panel on Truth and Reconciliation. https://rabble.ca/rabbletv/hill-presents-truth-and-reconciliation/ (24)

Follow our ongoing coverage of Indigenous issues on https://rabble.ca/issues/indigenous/ (25)

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER

NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTING AND ANALYSIS ON RABBLE.CA IN 2021

For rabble's political reporter, Karl Nerenberg, the year 2021 started with fevered election speculation in Ottawa and a violent insurrection in Washington. It ended with an unnecessary federal election, which maintained the political status quo (minority Liberal government), and continuing major differences with the U.S.

A more Canada-friendly Joe Biden had replaced Donald Trump as U.S. president in January 2021, but on many matters, from measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 to subsidies for electric cars, there remained a big gulf between the two countries.

rabble covered it all, and much more, with reportage and analysis. Among the issues rabble's political reporter dealt with in 2021 were:

- the never-ending scandal of the WE charity;
- the disaster of long-term care for the elderly which the heavy death toll from COVID-19 revealed;
- the government's belated response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry;
- the ongoing legal battle, ked by Cindy Blackstock, over Indigenous child services;
- the grisly discovery of children's unmarked graves at residential schools across Canada;
- NDP, Liberal disputes over COVID benefits for workers, renters, seniors, and students;
- the negative impact of corporate landlords on cost and availability of housing;
- the Israel-Palestine conflict;
- Canada's resistance to eliminating patent barriers so that developing countries could manufacture vaccines;
- the Glasgow U.N. conference on climate change;
- federal and provincial records on climate change;
- the need for more measures to reduce and control air pollution;
- Quebec's Law 21, which legislates discrimination against people who wear (notionally) religious symbols or garb; and
- all Canadian governments' continuing failure to make good on pledges of financial and legal support to precarious and gig workers.

The year 2021 was year ten for Karl Nerenberg as rabble's parliamentary reporter. He started his gig at rabble with the beginning of the Stephen Harper majority government in September 2011. His very first story dealt with the first day of parliament, which featured a tribute to NDP leader Jack Layton, who died in the summer of 2011.

Since 2011, Nerenberg has reported and commented on three federal elections, multiple provincial and municipal elections, ten federal budgets, immigration and refugee reforms,

electoral reform efforts, Indigenous battles for their rights, crises in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere, and many other matters.

In 2021, rabble expanded its political coverage, bringing on a second reporter. In 2022, it plans to expand even further, with the help and guidance of new editor, Nick Seebruch.



ELECTION 2021



2021 was the year when Canada held the election that nobody wanted. A scant two years after the last federal election, in the middle of a raging pandemic, Justin Trudeau took a chance that many saw as a power-grab. The election was a risky move that saw the Liberals holding on with a slim majority that would result in a historic agreement with the NDP in spring 2022. The Conservatives tossed their short-lived leader Erin O'Toole after the election, and some within the party and more broadly on the right, have continued to move discourse in Canada to the right - as we saw play out with the so-called Freedom Convoy that appeared in winter 2022.

Anticipating a federal election, *rabble.ca* held a special election planning meeting in August with an editorial advisory committee made up of contributors, columnists and present and past *rabble.ca* editors, as well as members of our Members Council.

Senior Parliamentary reporter Karl Nereberg led our election 2021 coverage with reporting and analysis including:

Second French debate draws clear battle lines as campaign heads into home stretch

Jagmeet Singh surprises in Radio-Canada interviews with leaders (26)

Karl was joined by Halifax-based journalist Stephen Wentzell, to cover the federal election as part of our national reporting team. Stepping out of the horse-race style of reporting on politics, rabble featured candidates to watch in 2021 - highlighting some of the talented change-makers who put their name forward for political office from across the country. Stephen kicked off these with profiles including the following:

Métis Vancouver Centre candidate subjected to violent threats on campaign trail (27)

Violence against Trudeau a consequence of not taking hate seriously: Hawa Y. Mire (28)

Indigenous Green candidate is fighting for her community's rights (29)

OFF THE HILL

Off the Hill is *rabble.ca*'s thoughtprovoking live panel on current issues of national significance, from a progressive and critically applied perspective you won't find anywhere else. Discussions are centered on impacts of politics and policy on people and mobilizing to bring about progressive change.

Hosts Robin Browne and Libby Davies led a new panel each month with rotating special guests such as Chuka Ejeckam, Rachel Snow, Diana Yoon, Karl Nerenberg, MP Leah Gazan, and more.



Three of our Off the Hill panels in 2021 were dedicated to the federal election:

- How to make a hung Parliament work for people (30)
- Down to the Wire (31)
- No time to waste on the status quo (32)

We also launched a special series on rabble radio dedicated to the ongoing election.

We took the opportunity of the federal election to launch a revamped rabble radio podcast, beginning with an weekly election special. (33) The new podcast was the brainchild of Members Council member and rabble's podcast founder, Wayne MacPhail and was hosted by Chelsea Nash.

You can see all of our election coverage https://rabble.ca/tag/election-2021/



LABOUR REPORTING

RadioLabour is the international labour movement's radio service. It reports on labour union events around the world with a focus on unions in the developing world. It partners with rabble to provide coverage of news of interest to Canadian workers.

Labour Beat reporter

rabble.ca is one of the only media organizations in Canada that prioritizes coverage of labour stories with a special labour beat. We initiated this as a paid editorial internship in partnership with Unifor (then the CAW) in 2012, and have transformed it into a regular labour beat. Chelsea Nash was recruited to take on the role of labour reporter beginning in 2020, and continued through 2021.

Here is a taste of the breadth of work Chelsea produced in 2021:

- Front-line worker: A comprehensive definition (34)
- How Ontario is limiting wage increases, paid sick days for front-line workers (35) A
 coalition of Ontario unions have filed evidence in their legal challenge against Bill 124.
- New COVID-19 testing requirements for travellers unfair to migrant workers, says advocacy group (36)
- History in the making: How one organization is documenting the pandemic's impact on workers (37)
- Workplace deaths due to COVID-19 extend beyond workers (38)
- Migrant farmworkers left out of Alberta's vaccination rollout, says activist group (39)

You can see all of rabble's labour coverage on our labour issue page. (40)



Canada's health-care crisis worse after 'unnecessary' election: union president

by Stephen Wentzell September 29, 2021



Amazon workers in Alberta facing off against unionbusting giant

by Candice Bernd and TRUTHOUT September 20, 2021



Nurses care for us. Who cares for them?

by RadioLabour September 17, 2021



The labour shortage no one is talking about

by Marjorie Griffin Cohen September 13, 2021



What Canada's unions want from this election

by RadioLabour September 10, 2021



It's 2021 and it's time to care about care

by Marjorie Griffin Cohen and Pat Armstrong September 8, 2021

JOURNALISM IN THE COMMUNITY

THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE LOCAL JOURNALISM PROJECT

From January until May 2021, *rabble.ca* participated in a Local Journalism Initiative (LJI) funded by Heritage Canada. Filmmaker Jase Tanner led the project, and was joined by Vancouver journalist Emma Gregory for final project episodes.

The intent of this local journalism project was to focus on a specific neighbourhood, in this case, Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES). We called it "Vancouver's Downtown Eastside: Past and Present."

The DTES, as many will know, is a neighbourhood with multiple social issues. Poverty, houselessness, survival sex work, substance addiction and mental and physical health obstacles amongst them. It's also a community which has a strong commitment to address these issues and to care for and support each other. It is a maligned, yet vibrant community, central to Vancouver.

Over the course of five months, interviews were held with a number of local organizations and individuals who worked in the area. These voices included: Watari Counselling and Support Services Society, the Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society (WAHRS) and the Overdose Prevention Society. Retired MP for the area, Libby Davies; Jean Swanson, Vancouver City Councillor and residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside including activist Karen Ward were also interviewed. Residents of the area spoke about their lives and the challenges they face.

The project was initially a one person endeavor, Jase Tanner. He was later joined by Emma Gregory. Her participation was a much needed and appreciated addition.

The series which had over 3000 views and counting - can be found on rabbletv at: https://rabble.ca/tag/dtes-past-and-present-series/ (41)



COLUMNS HIGHLIGHTS

Our columnists are:

Amy Goodman and Denis

Moynihan

Bill Blaikie

Cathy Crowe

Chuka Ejeckam

Duncan Cameron

Evelyn Lazare

Joyce Arthur

Jim Stanford

Judy Rebick

June Chua

Linda McQuaig

Lois Ross

Matthew Behrens

Maya Bhullar

Minister Faust

Monia Mazigh

Natasha Darling

Ole Hendrickson

Pro Bono (Erin Knight, Celia Chandler, Brain Iler, Claudia Pedrero, Michael Hackl)

Rachel Snow

Rick Salutin

rabble.ca welcomed a host of new columnists in 2021!

Natasha Darling

Feminism must include the fight for sex worker rights.

Since its founding, rabble has been committed to sharing feminist content from a wide variety of voices as a crucial part of our mandate. The idea of sex work as a feminist issue is often left out of mainstream media's coverage of feminist issues; that is why rabble is proud to announce that Natasha Darling has been brought on as a regular columnist at the end of 2021. Her column focuses on smashing harmful stereotypes, educating the public on sexworker history, and advocating for sex-worker inclusive legislature.

Read her latest columns here (42).

Chuka Ejeckam

Chuka Ejeckam is a writer and policy researcher, and works in the labour movement in British Columbia. The son of Igbo immigrants to Canada, his work focuses on inequity and inequality, drug policy, structural racism, and labour.

Ejeckam has appeared on rabble's monthly political panel Off the Hill three times in 2021. In June during "Off the Hill: the bumpy road to pandemic recovery,"(9) in August during "Off the Hill: Elxn44. No time to waste on the status quo"(32) and again in October for our "Off the Hill: How to make a hung Parliament work for people" (30) panel.

Minister Faust

Minister Faust is a teacher, speaker, workshop designer, community organizer, and award-

winning journalist whose articles have appeared widely. An award-winning novelist, he's best known for The Coyote Kings of the Space-Age Bachelor Pad. He was the host and producer of Africentric Radio (1991 – 2012), one of the longest-running Africentric news and public affairs programs in Canadian history.

In 2021, he shared a three-part series highlighting the importance of Africentric education (43) for children in Canada.

Rachel Snow

Rachel Snow is Iyahe Nakoda, the daughter of late Reverend Dr. Chief John Snow. She holds a juris doctor from the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan and is an outspoken educator, speaker, writer and co-contact person for the Indigenous Activist Networks.

Snow appeared twice on rabble's monthly political panel Off the Hill three times in 2021. The first in August's "Off the Hill: Elxn44. No time to waste on the status quo" (32) panel and again in October for our "Off the Hill: How to make a hung Parliament work for people" panel. (30)

Maya Bhullar

Maya Bhullar has over 15 years of professional experience in such diverse areas as migration, labour, urban planning and community mobilization. She has a particular interest in grassroots engagement, effective representation of constituents' interests and in helping organizations to better achieve their stated goals. Her experience comes from the public sector and from working with labour unions.

In 2021, Bhullar helped publisher Kim Elliott pull together our "<u>rabble rousers to watch</u>" (44) based on a survey in which rabble readers nominated inspiring change-makers, activists, and leaders in their communities. Bhullar profiled 2020 rabble rousers such as Gail Cyr, Syrus Marcus Ware, and more.

Judy Rebick

Judy Rebick is one of Canada's best-known feminists. She was the founding publisher of *rabble.ca* and was co-host of one of our first podcasts "Reel Women." She is the author of 6 books - her latest, a memoir called Heroes in My Head. Judy was the first CAW Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice and Democracy at Ryerson. She hosted two national TV shows on CBC in the 1990's, She is the former president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women and was a spokesperson for the pro-choice campaign that won legal abortion in Canada in the 1980's.

Judy has returned to rabble with a new regular monthly column. (62)

JOURNALISM FOR CHANGE FELLOWSHIP

In partnership with the Institute for Change Leaders, *rabble.ca* presents the Jack Layton Journalism for Change Fellowship.

This fellowship supports emerging journalists who are passionate and engaged in developing unique voices in social change reporting by providing them a \$3,000 stipend for their work with rabble over a three-month period. The fellows' work at rabble is a combination of news reporting and feature writing.



Roxann Shapwaykeesic joined us in December 2021 as our next recipient for the Journalism for Change Fellowship.

Born and raised on the beautiful north shores of Lake Superior in Thunder Bay, Shapwaykeesic is an Ojibwe from Eabametoong First Nation who has focused her career in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities of Treaty 9. Her experience includes supportive roles in education, communications, trades, sports and wellness.

She is a 2021 graduate of the Indigenous Reporters Program by Journalism for Human Rights as well as a Registered Graphic Designer of Ontario since 2011. She enjoys telling stories through photography, creative writing and journalism, and is always in pursuit of learning new skills.

"My focus will be to include as much of the 'other side of the story' as possible," Shapwaykeesic said.

Shapwaykeesic will be working alongside our writers and editorial team in 2022 to produce weekly stories and her own feature project.

RABBLE ROUSERS IN THE COMMUNITY

THE ACTIVIST TOOLKIT

For over 21 years, rabble.ca has maintained a commitment to journalism on the streets, nourishing a deep relationship with the work of frontline social movements and engaging in multimedia projects to amplify these messages.

At the beginning of 2021, we launched our rabble-rousers to watch series, which asked the rabble.ca community to nominate local and community activists who are building positive change in the grassroots. This project brought together our editorial, curating instagram profiles for the rabble-rousers, our podcast team promoting their stories, and was spearheaded by our Activist Toolkit initiative, led by Maya Bhullar. Together our team interviewed activists from nearly every province. See a list of some of Canada's rabble-rousers to watch here: https://rabble.ca/tag/rabble-rousers-to-watch-series/ (44)

In May 2021, we launched the Courage My Friends podcast series. The special six-part series is a partnership with the Tommy Douglas Institute, operating out of George Brown College, with support from the Douglas-Coldwell Layton Foundation.

From economic and climate justice to rethinking cities and health, Courage My Friends explored our unique new reality in a post-COVID world, what this reality reveals about the old one and how it envisions possibilities for a brighter and necessary future.



COVID, capitalism, climate: the way forward



Toward a rights-based city: access, equality, sustainability



From epidemic to pandemic: rethinking health

by rabble radio June 23, 2021



'Courage My Friends' Podcast: The Convergence:

Tune into this series at: https://rabble. ca/tag/couragemyfriends/ (45)

For over a decade the Lynn Williams Activist Toolkit was managed by the inimitable Maya Bhullar! Maya remains a contributor to rabble, and we wish her well in all the social change we know she is making happen.



Sustainable food and zero hunger: the future and the right to eat

by rabble radio June 9, 2021



Labour and economic security: bread and roses in a post-pandemic world by rabble radio June 2, 2021

COVID, Capitalism, Climate by rabble radio May 26, 2021



Maya Bhullar

GRAB A CUP OF TEA AND RELAX IN THE BOOKLOUNGE

A SAMPLING OF BOOK REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2021!

Chelsea Nash reviews 'Spin Doctors: How Media and Politicians Misdiagnosed the COVID-19 Pandemic' by Nora Loreto in We're failing this pandemic, but it's not your fault. (46)

Nash reflects, "It feels hopeless. It feels unending. It feels like I will never not feel anxious in a crowd or with a group of unmasked friends. It feels like we've failed. And, if you listen to the government releases or media coverage, (which, as Loreto describes in her book, are too often one and the same), you haven't done enough. You have to do more. It's all your fault. It's not."

Raluca Bejan observes: **Rob Wallace's highlights COVID-19 as a disease of capitalism** (47) in Dead Epidemiologists: On the Origins of COVID-19.

"Touted as the must-read 'leftist' text on the current pandemic," Bejan writes: "'Dead Epidemiologists' argues that we need to be less concerned with whether Wuhan's wet market was the origin of COVID-19 and instead focus our attention on the structural causes of disease."

In Karen Messing's book: <u>'Bent Out of Shape: Shame, Solidarity, and Women's Bodies at Work</u>', Chelsea Nash explores the many burdens of women's work. (48)

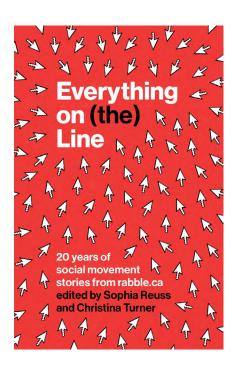
Nash writes: "For women in the workplace, keeping quiet about sex-based or gender-based difference, sexism, or misogyny keeps the peace.

We're taught this implicitly, through the silence of our more-established female peers in the face of a sexist joke or comment, or in the reaction of our male colleagues, family, and friends when issues of sexism are broached... In her book, Messing makes the case that the way out of silence is to get past the shame women have been taught to associate with speaking up for themselves, (or "making a fuss," as many would describe it). The way around shame is solidarity."

Am Johal says Astra Taylor gives field notes for an emerging progressive politics (49) in her latest book, 'Remake the World: Essays, Reflections, Rebellions.'

Johal writes: "Imagining a world beyond the problem of political horizons, time and scale simultaneously is a call for a more rigorous political complexity and a commitment to what her friend, Vancouver activist and writer carla bergman, calls 'joyful militancy.' In these sick times, Astra Taylor's words in her new book are field notes for the coming progressive politics on the near horizon."

TWENTY YEARS COVERING PEOPLE, POLITICS, AND PROTESTS



In honour of *rabble.ca*'s 20th anniversary, Between the Line books published Everything on (the) Line, 20 years of social movement politics - a history of *rabble.ca*. Edited by former interns and editors, Sophia Reuss and Christina Turner, the book tells the history of twenty years of social movement politics through the lens of *rabble.ca*'s journalism.

The book features archival pieces and new essays by writers including Monia Mazigh, Barâa Arar, Phillip Dwight Morgan, Nora Loreto, Michael Stewart, Kim Elliott, Matthew Adams, and a conversation with Judy Rebick, MP Leah Gazan, and Eriel Tchekwie Deranger.

On a chilly April day in 2001, some 75,000 protesters flooded the streets of Quebec City to denounce corporate globalization and a neoliberal trade deal. From that wellspring of activist anger, energy, and hope came the founding of *rabble.ca* - an alternative news source and community space that reported on Canadian politics from the ground, catching the attention of journalists and activists across the country.

Since then, Canada has seen the rise of Harper Conservatism and its replacement by a Liberal government; a decline in union power; the stalled beginnings of reconciliation with Indigenous nations; the birth of Black Lives Matter; an invigorated climate justice movement; and more. These stories of activist struggle lie at the heart of Everything on (the) Line, a collection of rabble's most incisive articles from the past twenty years.

You can order a copy of the book at **Between The Lines** (50) or at your favourite local bookstore!

RABBLE RADIO

AND A NEW ERA FOR THE RABBLE PODCAST NETWORK

In 2021, we revamped the rabble podcast network. <u>Launched in 2005</u>, (51) the rabble podcast network (rpn) launched in the early days of podcasting - at a time before iTunes had become the hosting platform for the medium. In the early days, the future of podcasting was unclear. The rabble podcast network was an exercise in demonstrating vision and leadership. Over more than 16 years, the rabble podcast network hosted over a hundred progressive podcasts.

We are proud of this legacy and of the team of producers, tech developers and volunteer podcasters who made it possible to make history with this successful network. However, as we moved to new website platform in 2021, and recognized the new economy of podcast distribution, we made the decision pivot our focus to our in-house podcasts: *Needs No Introduction*, RadioLabour (produced exclusively for rabble) and an all new strategy for our flagship podcast, rabble radio.

The new weekly version of rabble radio was launched to cover the 2011 federal election in summer 2021, and was the brainchild of rpn founder, Wayne MacPhail, with publisher Kim Elliott.

Now hosted and produced by Managing Editor of *rabble.ca*, Breanne Doyle, rabble radio is a weekly show featuring an in-depth interview from change makers across the country. The show is available on all your favourite places to listen to podcasts - now including Spotify, and is syndicated on a growing number of community radio stations:

- CKTZ 89.5 FM / British Columbia
- CHLY 101.7 FM / British Columbia
- CJSF 90.1 FM / British Columbia
- CJLY-FM Kootenay Coop Radio / British Columbia
- CKMS 102.7 FM / Ontario
- CFRC 101.9 FM / Ontario
- Local CFMH 107.3 FM / New Brunswick

- CHSR 97.9FM / New Brunswick
- The Voice of Bonne Bay 95.9 & 98.1 FM / NFLD
- CKUT 90.2 FM / Quebec
- UMFM 101.5 FM / Manitoba
- CKXU 88.3 FM / Alberta

Interested in picking up the show for your local community radio station?

Contact Breanne@rabble.ca

Thank you Victoria!

After over eight years of managing the rabble podcast network, we said goodbye to the brilliant Victoria Fenner in 2021, as she retired from the rpn and took on exciting new challenges at the Canadian Association of Community and Television (CACTUS), where she is influencing the future of local, community media.



YES, WE'RE SOCIAL!

On **Facebook**, we have a dedicated audience of 84,553 engaged users who regularly engage with our content driving 1.7 million impressions, up 362% from the previous year.

Our parliamentary correspondent Karl Nerenberg's coverage of the first federal leaders debate in the 2021 election was our most-clicked on post of the year.

On **Twitter**, rabble keeps up with major Canadian news competitors with over 43,000 followers. Not only are we part of the conversation, but we are driving it and our tweets saw 6.3 million impressions in 2021.

Our most viewed tweet, was a story by Yves Engler opposing the purchase of new fighter jets for the Canadian Armed Forces.

On **Instagram**, **@rabbleca** has grown by 20% this year and is helping us reach a younger generation with

women with the 25-34 age group making up the biggest share of our 2,400 followers. In 2021, our Instagram content generated 113,252 impressions, an 867% increase from the previous year.

Our most-liked Instagram post was a photo of the blockade protecting old-growth trees in the Fairy Creek watershed on Vancouver Island.

Check out our Instagram to stay up to date on rabble news, events, and more.

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The primary reason to oppose fighter jets is their violent nature. #cdnpoli



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'No new fighter jets' campaign first step towards defunding military
Progressives should be pushing to defund or abolish the Canadian
military. But, first we need to stop bolstering its capacity to kill in U....



Jagmeet Singh surprises in Radio-Canada interviews with leaders The first major televised event involving all federal party leaders happene...

In an increasingly crowded news market, real clout in the social media sphere is absolutely essential. We are fortunate to have the support of great community minds and influencers, artists, activists and columnists. For the first time, in 2021 we hired part time digital engagement staff to support growing our audience - Chelsea Nash until June 2021, followed by Mick Sweetman, with the support of Ryann Anderson and Ariel Hudnall of ZG Stories.

At *rabble.ca*, we know there's more than one way to read the news. Not only do we ensure our social media feeds are topped up with the very best in progressive journalism, we also deliver a weekly newsletter delivering our top stories and commentary directly to your inbox.

Our weekly email newsletter has over 8,000 subscribers and an open rate roughly double the industry average.

WEBSITE TRAFFIC

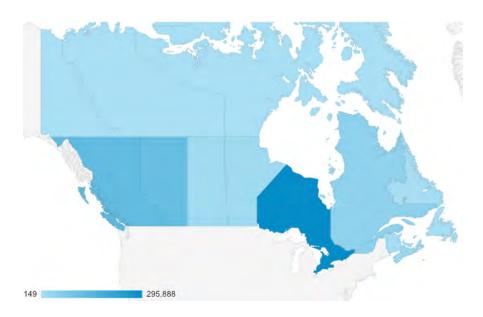
We had just under a million users/unique visitors coming to the site in 2021, reading over 2.2 million pages.

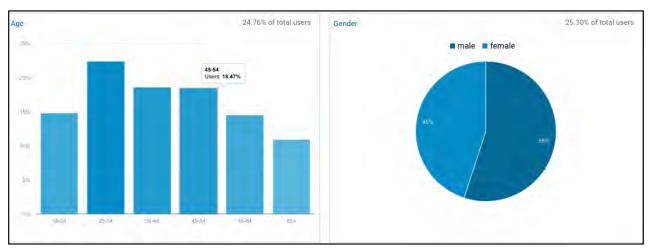
Thirty per cent of those coming to the rabble site do so by means of a Google search. Direct traffic (28%), social media (21%) and referrals (20%) as well as our weekly newsletter are the other primary means of reaching the site.

A total of 70% of our readers in 2021 came from Canada, and 14% from the United States, followed by China at 5.25% (a 174% increase in readers from China in the past year!) while the United Kingdom makes up 1.5% our of readers.

According to Google Analytics, our multi-generational audience consists of people aged 25-34 (23%) followed by people aged 35-54 (19%), while the 18-24 and 55-64 age groups each made up 15 per cent of our readers and last, but not least, were people aged 65+ at 11% of our readership. Men make up 55% of our readership with 45% being women, according to Google Analytics, which does not track genders outside of the gender binary.

Our most read story of 2021 was <u>"Canada doesn't need U.S. permission to call China and bring the two</u> Michaels home" (52) by David Climenhaga.





JOIN THE CONVERSATION - BABBLE

Do you know what there was before social media existed? Before Facebook, before Twitter, there were discussion boards - and **babble** (53) was one of the first and the largest progressive discussion boards in Canada.

Year two of COVID was an interesting one for a variety of reasons. Masks and vaccines became politicized by a largely right-wing U.S. backed anti-government movement that stormed the Capitol building in Washington in January 2021 and migrated northward to Ottawa and across Canada. And, of course, progressives talked about it all on babble. In the thread "Coronavirus: what Canadians need to know https://babble.rabble.ca/babble/international-news-and-politics/coronavirus-what-canadians-need-know?page=72 (54) the discussion is now in it's second year and documents the whirlwind of shifting information and protocols in both Canada, the U.S. and abroad.

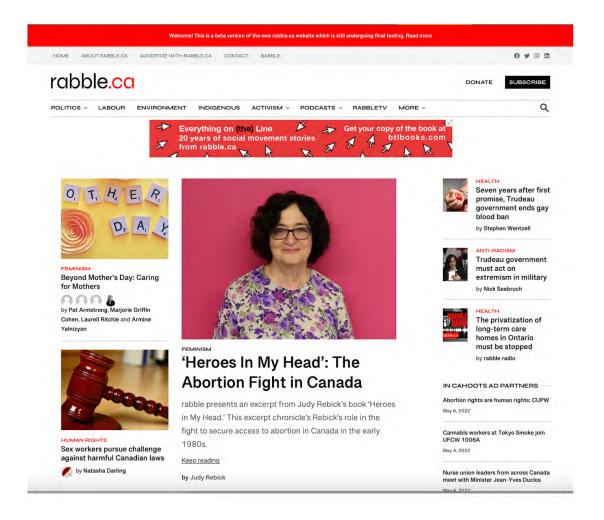
In "Systemic sexual misconduct and racism in the military and RCMP and the complicity of the Liberals and generals" https://babble.rabble.ca/babble/canadian-politics/systemic-sexual-misconduct-and-racism-military-and-rcmp-and-complicity (55) babblers did little to disguise their disgust and anger at the ongoing allegations of sexual misconduct at the highest levels and the failure of the Trudeau government to do anything effective in dealing with them. Two consecutive chiefs of defense staff - those responsible for for investigating military sexual misconduct - were both dismissed due to, wait for it, allegations of sexual misconduct. Then Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan was less than transparent and unwilling to discuss why two men accused of sexual misconduct were slated to head up investigations into that misconduct. And we know that the long scandal-ridden RCMP have a similar culture of sexism and toxic masculinity, with limited accountability being a factor in the ongoing nature of their organizational culture. Policing and the military remain minefields for women who wish to have a career of service in those capacities.

2021 was the year Joe Biden was inaugurated as the 46th president of the United States, and "The Biden administration" https://babble.rabble.ca/babble/international-news-and-politics/biden-administration (56) revealed a mixture of relief and scepticism. President Biden, while a Democrat, is not particularly progressive on a number of issues including foreign policy and military aggression, so our sceptics were neither surprised nor disappointed. Anyone but Trump was the theme of the day.

We also have numerous discussions around climate change, sustainability and antimilitarism in threads like "Climate change general thread" (third incarnation) https://babble.rabble.ca/babble/environmental-justice/climate-change-general-thread-pt3 (57) and "Planet earth's peace movement - needed now more than ever" https://babble.rabble.ca/babble/international-news-and-politics/planet-earths-peace-movement-needed-now-more-ever (58) In a political forum with diverse progressive viewpoints there is no definitive position on militarism, but people generally believe that NATO is not a force for good but rather a force for protecting economic hegemony around the world and that we as a people need to move beyond warfare as a means of resolving conflict.

This year, 2022, is shaping up to be just as interesting and chaotic as last year. The trucking convoy and now the Ukraine conflict are taking up a lot of bandwidth, but our babblers are always there to bring forward differing perspectives on often complex issues. And we at *rabble.ca* thank them for their knowledge, expertise and willingness to scrap over issues they feel strongly about.

DIGITAL VISION - THE NEW RABBLE!



Since 2001 *rabble.ca* has been a digital pioneer. Back then we used the sometimes shaky, and almost always hand-built tools to forge an amplifier for marginalized voices and progressive ideas in Canada. babble, for example, became an early country-wide platform for fresh ideas and points of view. While mainstream media produced websites that were achingly awkward mirrors of their print versions, we set out to create a journalism that embraced the hyperlink, rich media and community feedback loops. We were not broadcasting, we were having a conversation. We were constantly innovating, bringing Canadians the rabble radio network (rpn), rabbletv and livestreaming long before any of those ideas were commonplace.

This year, we continued that proud tradition by moving our whole site from the loyal and stalwart Drupal backbone to the more agile Wordpress, Newspack, platform. We worked with a great Australian firm The Code Company (thecode.co) who were fantastic partner. Thank you to Ben, Paul, Zac, Jackson and Alex from The Code Team. Our publisher, Kim Elliott led the project for us, with Wayne MacPhail - long time emerging media director, and part of our members council. This was accompanied by a branding refresh, for which we've had the privilege of working with the ZG Stories team, Zoe, Ariel and Ryann.



We began work in the spring. It consumed us through the summer. The transition meant much of our existing content had to be ported article by article, word by word and link by link to the new platform. And, we had to completely rethink, refine and simplify our tagging system, our navigation and our general user interface. We also pared down the *rabble.ca* podcasts to a few vital shows. The rpn, groundbreaking in its time, is no longer needed as podcasting has become easy for many organizations. We owe thanks to CL Fisher for her expert work analyzing and updating our tagging system, and to Seonaid and Derek of Consensus, for the innumerable hours spent on this transition.

Our mantra through the whole process was: simplify, simplify, simplify. Some older material and the babble discussion form remain on the Drupal platform but our intention was to trim down and stride forward with a spring in our step.

It all worked, remarkably. We now have a fresh new site, with a clean, elegant look - no matter if you view it on a phone, a tablet or a desktop. It sets us up to face the future. What will that mean? Editors can respond quickly to breaking news. We have great statistics on our podcasts now hooked into automated podcast directories. And, we can easily add new rich media and responsive elements to the site. We've discussed interactive data-driven graphics, augmented reality experiences, whole new forms of audience engagement and community building using modern, scalable technologies like Discord.

It means that, as we began, we can continue to be on the probing edge of emerging technologies and use them to continue our mission to rouse the rabble and carry its voice into the coming decade. And we were rewarded by the Canadian Online Publishing awards with recognition in silver as Best Community News Website for 2021!

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2021 we welcomed new members to our board and said goodbye to two long-time board members, Matthew Adams and Bob Gallagher. We thank them for their generous dedication to the rabble media project and wish them the best in their "retirement" from *rabble.ca*.

Our current board of directors meets monthly (with a summer sabbatical) to discuss rabble's big picture issues and brainstorm the continued path forward for the organization. It also branches out into 3 additional subcommittees: membership, governance, and finance, who meet on an as-needed basis, and is composed of community stake-holders with rabble staff representation.



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Thank you to Matt Adams and Bob Gallagher, who stewared the rabble board over the the last several years, and have been long time staff (Matt) and supporters (Bob) of *rabble.ca* and visionaries for social justice and independent media.





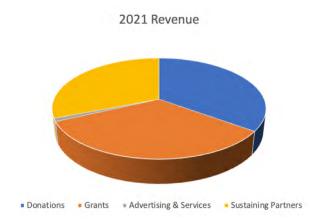


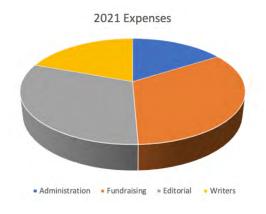






FINANCIAL REFLECTIONS: COMMUNITY SUPPORTED MEDIA





Like community radio and TV, community online news sites depend on members to help them meet their budget.

rabble.ca is a pioneer in non profit media - it has been a registered non-profit organization (non-charitable) since 2005, and we rely on the generous donations from our supporting donors — with both one-time donations and the all-important monthly memberships. We hold annual monthly donor drives to recruit members.

In 2021, with donations averaging \$5/month, a total of \$146,000 was raised from individual donors — over \$90,000 of which came from our regular monthly donors.

Monthly supporters get a variety of perks, ranging from thank-you gifts upon sign-up, — in 2021 that included copies of Everything on (the) Line and Life in the City of Dirty Water by Clayton Thomas-Müller, — to special event invitations and an exclusive newsletter for monthly supporters. Don't miss out — sign up now to become a monthly supporter: rabble.ca/donations

The total operating budget for *rabble.ca* in 2021 was \$404,000, with revenues of \$453,000. Thank you to our donors! We couldn't do it without you!

Of course, this is a fraction of what it costs to do journalism, and we thank all the volunteers whose time and effort make independent media like *rabble.ca* possible.

2021 was an extraordinary year and we thank Heritage Canada, Canadian Periodical Fund and Aid for Publishers for their support, and for their grant that allowed us to move to a new Customer Relationship Management software and move our website to WordPress. We owe thanks as well to TechNation and to Lush for grants.

rabble.ca has a solid reputation for being an efficient and lean operation that punches far above its weight in terms of reach and in original content.

In 2021, *rabble.ca* again proved itself a sustainable organization, and saw the year end with a surplus, with plans for taking the organization in new directions, having undertaken a thorough organizational review in 2020, and launching a new CRM and website in 2021.

OUR IN-HOUSE SERVICES!

Amplify!

Through our Amplify! services, community members, groups and local businesses can invite our media-savvy crew of journalists and professional multimedia storytellers to record and amplify the messages of their events and conferences — and support media democracy and independent media at the same time.

As a non-profit organization, all revenues from rabble services are invested back into *rabble.ca*'s mission to bring progressive, grassroots voices to the forefront. Our fully equipped team of videographers, podcasters, photographers, bloggers, writers and social media professionals can help you to promote your goals. We offer fee-for-services, including live- and near-time video recording, podcasting, live-blogging, street-videos and social media storytelling, now available at competitive rates.

See more at *rabble.ca*/amplify, and see our amplify menu of services here. (59) Allow us to help you tell your story, while you help non-profit independent media! Email amplify@rabble. ca for more information or to obtain a quote.

Advertising

By advertising at *rabble.ca*, you can invest your marketing and promotion dollars into non-profit, independent journalism. Consider promoting your campaign, petition or business on *rabble.ca*, and reach our dynamic, engaged and giving audience. rabble sells advertising packages for ad buys on our site, as well as on our social media and e-newsletter. We also carry editorial advertising opportunities for progressive research and advocacy organizations.

rabble.ca sprang to life in 2001 as an independent news source with strong roots in various movements working for social justice and equality. In 2020, rabble had 1.1 million readers. People come to rabble for news on social movements and for alternative takes on federal and provincial politics.

We have a strong presence on social media, with almost 43,000 followers on Twitter and 27,000 on Facebook and Instagram in total. 73% of our traffic in 2019 came from Canada.

In Cahoots: Boosting your work through editorial advertising

Are you a civil society organization seeking new ways to broadcast your news? Look no further than In Cahoots. In Cahoots is rabble's portal to the research and news releases of Canada's vibrant civil society and labour organizations. In Cahoots was conceived as an opportunity to amplify the messages of the community of organizations who share *rabble*. *ca*'s progressive ideals, and work to realize this progressive vision.

We have dedicated a part of our website's homepage and social media infrastructure to share our partners' words and press releases. People who click on links in In Cahoots posts will link directly to an URL of your choosing, allowing your communications team to maximize web traffic to your site.

Contact publisher@rabble.ca for information about advertising opportunities.

Join organizations other like-minded organizations such as:

- Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada
- Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
- Canadian Health Coalition
- Canadians for Tax Fairness
- Harrowsmith Magazine
- Inter Pares
- Mining Watch Canada
- Liisbeth Magazine
- The Starfish

NEWS IN YOUR INBOX

For those of you who are signed up to our weekly announce list, a summary of the hottest stories of the week at rabble.ca (hint: opportunity to sign up at <u>rabble.ca/alerts</u> if you are not already!), you'll know that we streamlined our format, making it sharper and more compatible with your mobile devices, and easier for you to skim through as you're out and about.

We switched our newsletter platform to mailchimp, in the past year, and updated our branding and design. We currently have over 8000 readers signed up to receive the newsletter each week, and have a 40% open rate, which is significantly above the industry average of 22.5%

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The upcoming UN climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland is a crucial one, as columnist Lois Ross points out this week on the site. Many say COP 26 is columnist Lois Ross points out this week on the site. Many say COP 26 is columniated that will limit the global temperature change to 1.5 to two degrees. Seeing as global agriculture contributes 20 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions, Ross argues that figuring out how to slash emissions in this industry should be a keystone discussion at the conference.

COP 26 isn't just about a gathering of world leaders, however. <u>Joyce Nelson</u> regorts on three major issues that activists will be pushing on the sidelines next week, both before, during and after the conference which runs October 31 through November 12.

Activists want the 197 participant countries to include at least three more sectors in the requirements for nations' emissions reporting and cutting. The first sector is the plastics industry, which the fossil fuel sector has fully embraced as its financial life-fine. When we think of plastics, we may think of the thousands of plastic particles polluting our oceans and drinking water, or we might think of wildlife getting caught in plastic trash. The plastics industry has more to answer for than that, writes Nelson, as a new report from the Beyond Plastics program at Bennington College in the U.S. reveals that plastics production is not track to release more emissions than coal.

The second sector is the world's militaries, which are currently exempt from having to report on emissions at all, thanks to the United States' insistence that the Pentagon be exempted from all international climate agreements during the 1997-88 negotiations for the Kyoto Accord on climate. Apparently, it's a matter of national security. During those same negotiations, the <u>U.S. obtained</u> an exemption for all countries' militaries from having to report or cut their carbon emissions.

Lastly, activists would like to see large hydro-dam projects held accountable for the emissions they produce, despite often being touted as a climate "solution."

Read more of rabble.ca's COP 28 coverage here

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PEOPLE AT RABBLE.CA

rabble.ca was built on the efforts of journalists, writers, artists and activists across the country and has a unique role as non profit media in reporting on national politics and stories from civil society. rabble.ca features some of the best new and emerging voices in Canada, together with the must-read voices of the left. rabble.ca is a federally incorporated not-for-profit organization. We rely on the support of individual and organizational donors. If you would like to support independent journalism you can at rabble.ca/donate. (60)

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